



# TANK DESTROYER NEWSLETTER

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MAY 1983 - Welcome to Newsletter No. 6, A special welcome to the 4000 new TD men whose names have just been added to our National TD Roster. Our thanks go to AARP News Report who published our TD photo story about our search for TD veterans. They found these men for us. Thanks again!

Right now we are building up excitement about our forthcoming 2nd Annual National TD Reunion. Inside you will find more details and an Advance Registration Form. Read on! Enjoy! And Thanks!

MARSH HANKS, Editor *Marsh Hanks*

### LATEST ON TD BATTALION REUNIONS!

Sorry to have to crowd you this way, but more and more TD units are scheduling reunions! If one of these is being held in your area, drop in. You know you'll be welcome.....

605 -- Labor Day - Findlay, OH - Riverside Park - L.N.Montgomery., 120 E. First Ave., Plainwell, NJ49080.

626 -- May 20 - Bedford, ME - NCO Club, Hanscom AFB - Fred White, 18 Spring Park Ave., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.

627 -- May 21 - Painted Post, NY - Lodge on the Green Restaurant - Harry Sturdevant, 414 Estates, Lot 65 - Beaver Dams, NY 14812.

634 -- Sept. 3-4 - Boone, IA - Emil Gabetich, Rt. 2 Box 410, Madrid, IA 50156.

635 -- Oct. 1-2 - San Diego, CA - Ray Spangler, 2762 SE Granger, Topeka, KS 66605.

640 -- Aug. 12-13 - Salt Lake City, UT - Hilton Inn, Downtown - Harry Retallick, 244 Wilsprn, Midvale, MT 84047

643 -- Sept. 23-25 - Waterville, ME - Holiday Inn - Dan Paglia, Rt 1, Box 180 Dixmont, ME 04932.

644 -- June 28-30 - White Haven, PA - Pocono Hershey Resort - Forrest Wilburn, 531 Cleveland St., Pulaski, IN 38478

648 -- Aug. 11-13 - Carbondale, IL - Don Ragsdale, Box 341, DeSoto, IL 62924.

652 -- May - San Antonio, TX - Thomas W. Murphy, 3415 N. Westmoreland Dr., Orlando, FL 32804.

658 -- Sept. 10 - Ann Arbor, MI - Hayes State Park - Mike Cavanaugh, 650 Monroe St., Mt. Morris, MI 48458.

661 -- May 23-25 - Prescott, AZ - Donald B. Miller, 9 Holly Dr., Prescott, AZ 86301.

691 -- Aug. 5-7 - Boston Heights, OH - Brown Derby Hotel - Earl. L. Simonds, 3706 S. Spring Valley Dr., Chagrin Falls,

### THESE ARE THE CONTRIBUTORS! THEIR GENEROSITY KEEPS TDA MOVING ON!!!!

A special thanks to each of the below listed. We know for certain that their cash is being used for the good of all TD's. We would like to hope that such donations also mean that these people really approve of what we are trying to do, and this is their way of sayin "I want to be a part of all this!"

- Adamiak - Adams - Allen, J. - Allen, R. - Anderson, R. - Azzarello, J. - Baldwin, F. - Baraxki - Barringer - Beaudoin - Beeney, W. - Berger, O. - Bergstrom, E. - Berland, S. - Bertucci - Betts, R. - Betzer, L. - Black, A. - Blandford, B. - Boardman, J. - Blase - Bottom - Boylston, W. - Bozarth, A. - Bradshaw, H. - Brice, A. - Brnovak, F. - Brown, C. - Buch, R. - Buckner, C. Burton, E. - Burton, I.V. - Burton, R.

- Caffri, H. - Caldwell, G. - Calhoun - Campbell, F. - Campbell, R. - Cappiell, F. - Chenault, J. - Chunn, J. - Cohen/Mitling - Cohen, L. - Colburn, C. - Conrad, E. - Cox, E. - Crook, C. - Cunningham, W. - Dammann, W. - Dau, R. - Davis, R. - Denny, L. - Doherty, F. - Eichaker, R. - Ellis, A. - Elzer, G.

- Ferrant, T. - Franklin - Frellich - French, D. - Fortin, J. - Foster, R. - Gaskill, G. Gauld, W. - Gay, J. - George, W. - Gill - Gill, L. - Gleckl, P. - Godshall, H. - Gordon, G. - Grago A. - Green, J. - Gruber, R. - Grubbs, R. - Hahn, M. - Halsey - Harding, F. -

- 702 -- [Get together guys!] - (Co. A) - June - Huntsville, AL - James Martin Sr. Box 127 Collinwood, TN 38450. - (Co. B) - June 3-5 - Branson, MO - James Ridenhour, P.O.Box 422, Cooleemee, NC 27014. - (Co.C) - August - Buffalo, NY - Michael Ryan, 490 Taunton Pl., Buffalo, NY 14216.

- 705 -- June 15-19 - Las Vegas, NV - Aladdin Hotel - Paul A. Yeomans, 10450 Six Mile Rd., Battle Creek, MI 48458.

- 728 -- Aug. 4-6 - Greenville, MS - Bob Nicholson, 136 Forest Hill Rd., West Orange, NJ 07055.

- 771 -- Oct. 14-16 - Loch Sheldrake, NY - Brown's Hotel - Walter Schaefer, 1515 Part St., Atlantic Beach, NY 11509.

- 802 -- Aug. 19-21 - Carlisle, PA - The Embers Motel - George Romer, 26 Fenimore Ave., Garden City, NY 11530.

- 803 -- July 23 - Tacoma, WA - Spanaway Park, Kitchen 6 - Byron Keely, 8819 S. Hosmer, Tacoma, WA 98444.

- 804 -- Sept. 17-18 - Roswell, NM - Sally Port Inn - John T. Gaddy, Rt.3, Box 118m Roswell, NM 88201.

- Hejnowski, C. - Heldreth, R. - Hendricks, H. - Hernandez, L. - Herridge, J. - Hewitt, O. Hiatt, J. - Hill, M. Hoffer, G. - Holmes, A. - Hutchens, P.

- Johnson, S.A. - Kanack, W. - Kelly, C. - Kelly, J. - King, J. - Knick, R. - Knight, R. - Kollefrath, T. - Latz, M. - Lavin, J. - Lee, R. - Liegl, A. - Lince, G. - Littlefield, R. Loenthal, D. - Longlery, M. - Mackey, G. - Madison, R. - Madway, R. - Marlantes, - McCall, O. - McGrann, R. - McGuire, - McIntosh, A. - McLean, C. - McLellan - McNally, T. - Meyer - Michael - Michalok - Miller, S. - Moak - Morris - T. - Muir - Murphy - Novaks - Nowak, J.

- Olsen, E. - Orisec, E. - Orsak, J. - Osborn - Owens - Paich, J. - Parkin, - Patrick, J. - Patton, H. - Peteron, H. - Peters, T. - Post, L. - Probst, H. - Ragsdale, D. - Rance, J. - Rando G. - Rapp, H. - Reaves, G. - Rhanor, - Richardson, R. - Riems, R. - Rigby, - Robertson, M. - Romero, G. - Ruscetti L. - Rusinek, B. - Scott, O. - Selzer

- Sesto, R. - Shapiro, H. - Sheldon, J. - Siercks, F. - Simonds, E. - Slaughter, H. - Slick, O. - Sloan, O. - Skolsky A. - Soliz, C. - Steele, J. - Stege, J. - Tinsley - Torok, R. - Trigg, D. Turner, R. - Vaughn, S. - Waak, B. - Weinberg, H. - Wentland, G. - Wilburdon, C. - Williams, C. - Wulfe, R. - Woodside, A. - Wurnitch, C. - Wynnk - Yoder, J. - York, J. - Zeeb, A. - Zugumi.

### TDA REUNION OCT. 20-22 BE THERE!

- 807 -- July 1-4 - Providence, RI - Biltmore Plaza - Carlton Mott, 5 Hampden St., Barrington, RI 02806.

- 808 -- Aug. 4-6 - Hot Springs, AR - Holiday Inn, Lake Hamilton - Jay Self, Rt. 11, Box 484, Pine Bluff, AR 71603.

- 809 -- Sept. 2-4 - Kokomo, In - Dick Campbell, 5401 Ojibway Dr. Kokomo, 46902.

- 817 -- June 3-5 - Buffalo, NY - Ted Warner, 280 Hastings Ave., Buffalo 14240.

- 818 -- Aug. 18-20 - Minneapolis, MN - Lawrence Bray, 1346 LaSalle #202, Minneapolis, MN 55403.

- 820 -- Oct. 1-2 - McLean, VA - Steve Siekierka, 24931 S. Sylbert Ct., Redford MI 48239.

- 822 -- Labor Day - Evansville, IN - Bill McGuire, 4981 Tyler St., Sacramento, CA 95841.

- 825 -- Oct. 8-9 - Knoxville, TN - Sam Adams, 715 Sidney Ave., Greenwood SC 29646.

- 899 -- June - Canton, OH - James Dreussi, 5132 Lincoln East, E. Canton, OH 44730. - (Co. A) - July 26-28 - Seattle, WA - Edgewater Inn, Pier 67 - R.E.Monroe, 1201 12th Ave. East, Hibbing MN 55746.

HERE IS THE STORY ON YOUR TANK DESTROYER WAR MEMORIAL -- THE SITE HAS BEEN SELECTED -- THE MONUMENT HAS BEEN ORDERED -- THE DEDICATION HAS BEEN SCHEDULED -- NOW, WE NEED YOUR PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION!!!!

One of TDA's original goals was to install a simple TD War Memorial at our old home at Hood. This monument would honor all who served, and would be completely financed by tax-deductible gifts from TD veterans and families.

Our goal is now approaching!

This is the time to ask each one of you to dig down and send a few dollars. Our new goal is to have the complete installation paid for in full by October 22nd!

Right now we are preparing a "TD Time Capsule" to be buried at the base of the monument. In addition to the usual historical data we will include a list of the names of the people who have sent in a specific donation for the TD War Memorial.

If you have already sent in a check for the War Memorial we not only thank you, but hasten to assure you that we will not ask you for more money. Your name TD WAR MEMORIAL, Post Box "BDG", is assured of being in the capsule. Tiburon, CA.

If you have put off sending a check for one reason or another please give this some thought -- this is a very worthwhile project --- it is a form of heritage you can leave for your children and their children --- all we are asking for is a few dollars from every single TD Vet --- and, you can deduct it from your income tax!

Send your check right now to: TD WAR MEMORIAL, Post Box "BDG", Tiburon, CA.

**TD BATTALION HISTORIES GETTING MORE COMPLETE BY THE MINUTE!!!**

Our Historian reports we now have complete histories on the following battalions:

601	630	704	776	818
605	634	705	801	823
607	644	771	804	825
610	651	773	807	826
612	661	774	811	893
628	691	775	813	899

plus 5th TD Group

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Regret that we are unable to furnish copies in any form, so please don't request them! If and when we are able to provide this service you will be notified in a future TDA Newsletter!

The following histories are not complete. If you have any info send it directly to Lonnie Gill, 1422 Greenhaven, Anaheim, CA 92801

656	803	817
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If your battalion or group is not listed above, and if you have any historical information of any kind, please mail it to Lonnie Gill. If possible, would appreciate the "gift" of all such material so that it can in the future be placed in our TD Library. If you want it back, just say so, and Lonnie will get it copied for TDA reference.

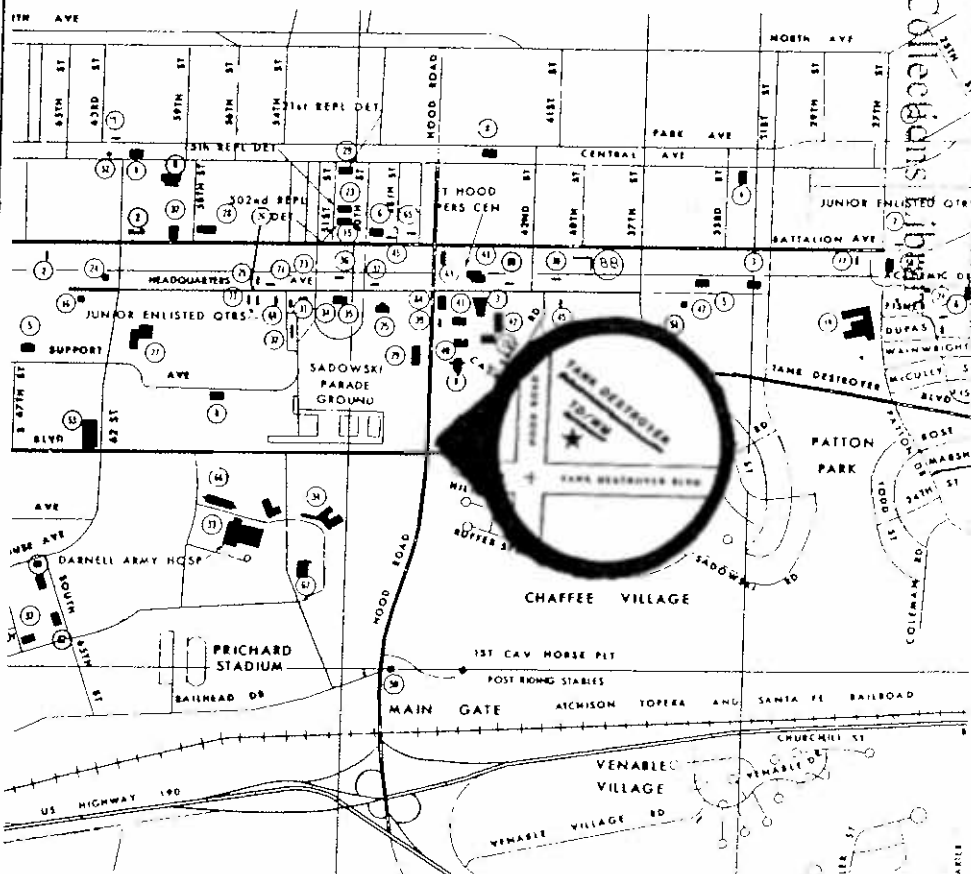
**IT MAY BE SPRING, BUT WE HAVE BEEN SNOWED UNDER WITH CORRESPONDENCE!!**

We are very happy to receive over 5000 pieces of mail since the 1st of the year! We are unhappy to have been unable to answer each one. This tremendous response shows that the TD Veterans are very much with-it and anxious to see that we do have a proper spot in military history. To those of you who are new with us, read our Newsletter, enjoy the progress being made - and please be patient with the lack of replies to your

**YOUR NEW TANK DESTROYER WAR MEMORIAL WILL BE LOCATED IN THE HEART OF FT. HOOD IN JUST ABOUT THE MOST PROMINENT SPOT ON THE ENTIRE POST!!**

Leaving the Expressway, you turn North on Hood Road and pass the old Main Gate. As you come over the crest of the hill you have a dramatic view of the largest military post in the Free World.

Most of the buildings are still in the distance. You approach the first intersection. You find the crossroad is Tank Destroyer Blvd, and the volume of traffic calls for a stop light. Your very own Tank Destroyer War Memorial sits proudly in front of a line of trees on the NE corner of this intersection.



Our memorial will be both simple and impressive. Basically, it will be a rough-hewn cylinder of Texas red granite. The top portion will be machined and polished, with deep-cut lettering to honor all who served with the TD's during WWII. The center of all this will be a reproduction of our black panther TD patch.

You will find a certain warmth to this rugged piece of stone. It will express your own pride in having served your country. And, there will be a certain satisfaction knowing that this tribute to all will stand there for years to come for your children and mine

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**2nd Annual Tank Destroyer Reunion ..... Oct. 20-22, 1983 ..... Fort Hood, Texas**

This will be the 2nd National TD Reunion to be organized by your Tank Destroyer Association. On this occasion we will have the distinct honor and pleasure of formally dedicating our very own Tank Destroyer War Memorial. This will be a permanent monument and it will honor all who served with the TD's during World War II. It should be a very impressive dedication ceremony!

Again, our TDA Reunion Headquarters will be the Holiday Inn in Killeen, TX. The preliminary Schedule of Activities is shown below. The Reunion Registration Rate will be \$40 per person. This will include registration, certain meals, and chartered bus service for all events except the Friday night dinner - here we will need to set up car pools. Further details on activities will be provided in the next TDA Newsletter. (Remember, housing is not included in this fee!)

Thursday, October 20	All Day	Registration at the Holiday Inn. The TDA Rally Room will be open from 1200 to 2100 hrs.
	1700 hrs.	No-Host Cocktail Party in TDA Rally Room.
	2000 hrs.	Orientation Meeting at Poolside.
Friday, October 21	0900 hrs.	Tour of post. Noon Mess. Demonstrations. Retreat Ceremony. TDA Rally Room open 1700 to 2100 hrs.
	1800 hrs.	No-Host Cocktail Party in TDA Rally Room.
	2000 hrs.	Dinner on the Post.
Saturday, October 21	1000 hrs.	Formal Dedication of the TD War Memorial on the Post. TDA Rally Room open 1200 to 2100 hrs.
	1130 hrs.	Critique. Discussions of TDA objectives and projected Considerations of 1984 and 1985 Reunions.
	1700 hrs.	No-Host Cocktail Party in TDA Rally Room.

**MOTEL INFORMATION:** Each of you must make his own motel reservations. Make them early, as late registrants may have to stay in Temple or Austin! Be sure to tell the Reservation Clerk that you are attending the TD Reunion so that you will receive these rates. If you are bringing your RV check with the KOA in Belton. All facilities have Toll Free telephone numbers, but you had best check with 800-55-1212 for the correct number in each case.

Holiday Inn: 1100 FM-440 Hiway South, Killeen, TX 76541. Call (817) 634-3101 for reservations. Rates \$35 Single and \$40 double, plus tax.

LaQuinta Motor Inn: 1112 FM-440 Hiway South, Killeen, TX 76541. Call (817) 526-8331 for reservations. Rates \$29 Single, \$33 Double, and 2 beds @ \$35, plus tax.

Red Carpet Inn: 605 N. Gray St., Killeen, TX 76540...about 1 mile from Holiday Inn. Call (817) 634-3151. Rates \$26 Single or Double, plus tax.

Best Western Mi Amigo: 2709 Hiway 190 East, Killeen, TX 76541...about 2.5 miles from Holiday Inn. Call (817) 526-6651. Rates \$27 Single, \$29 Double & 2 beds @ \$33.

(CUT ALONG THIS LINE)

**-- TDA REUNION RESERVATION --**

Jerry Cohen  
TDA Reunion Chairman  
255 Castenada Drive  
Millbrae, CA 94030



Please make \_\_\_\_\_  
reservations at \$40 each.  
My check is enclosed!

Dear Jerry: We'll be there!  
Registration check is enclosed!  
Please mail my FREE TD Reunion  
Bumper Stickers!

(PLEASE PRINT)

Dear Jerry: Sorry can't make it!  
To show we're interested, enclosed is  
our check for \$3.50! Please mail a  
pair of TD Reunion Bumper Stickers!

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
CHILD OR GUEST NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_  
CURRENT ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ TD UNIT(S) \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

<> TO FACILITATE PLANNING MAIL BEFORE SEPT. 1ST. <> MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO JERRY COHEN, TDA REUNION CHAIRMAN <>

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**NOTES ON THE NATIONAL TD ROSTER!**

Every known TD Veteran has a place on this roster. You will remain on this list as long as we have a good mailing address. If you move, and don't tell us - ask to see the Chaplain!

We hire a computer service to maintain this list. Since we do not want this list sold to anyone who might use it commercially we are about to Copyright it.

However, if you are looking for old-time TD buddies we are prepared to offer you the following services:

(1) If you are looking for 1 or 2 individuals, send us a dollar per name and we'll look for the names. Odds are about 1:15 we will find them because there are still a lot of TD's not on our National TD Roster.

(2) If you want to know who is still around from your old BN send us the BN # and a check for \$9.99! We will send you a list, in alphabetical order, of the names we have. This list can be anywhere from 4-400 names, but we figure we can make out with a Flat Price for every list, and you can have the pleasure of finding some of the old guys.

**SORRY! NO BACK ISSUES ARE AVAILABLE ON NEWSLETTER!!!**

TDA's rapid growth has used up all the old copies of earlier Newsletters. No plans are being made to go to the expense of having a run of reprints. Sorry!

**OLD TIE-TACS GONE! SUPPLY OF NEW HALF-TRACK TIE-BARS DUE BY MAY 5!**

We are now sitting on several dozen orders (and checks) for our TD Tie Tacs. We ask for you to please continue to be patient!

The Good News is that we will ship the new Tie-Bar design, and send them out just as soon as our order comes in.

The Bad News is that the new Tie-Bar will carry a new price of \$5.50 each, postpaid. This price applies to all orders received after May 1st!

**WANT TO BUY TD SHOULDER PATCHES?**

Good quality and genuine copies. 2AD Museum Gift Shop, P. O. Box 5009, Fort Hood, TX 76544. The price - \$3.95 each, postpaid.

**DESPERATELY NEEDED - PHOTOS OF 3" TOWED GUN AND PRIME MOVER!!**

We've been selling sketches of the M3, M10, M18 and the M36. We have not offered a sketch of 1 the Towed TD Units because we have been unable to find photos for the artist to copy!

Over to your right you will see a list of the 25 battalions that used the towed gun at one time or another in their history. Isn't there someone in one of these battalions that can loan us a good shot of a 3" so we can complete our series of sketches?

Dig down in that old barracks bag and see what you can come up with. Pack it good in cardboard so it won't get bent in the mail.

**WWII USE OF TD WEAPONS/VEHICLES**

This is an up-to-date listing. It shows what units were equipped with what offensive weapons. It does not show the sequence of issuance of this equipment.

Comments are invited as we do want this list to be complete for our eventual TD History. Send information to Lonnie Gill

**...3" Towed Gun W/Prime Mover:**

605	630	691	801	820
607	631	692	805	821
610	635	772	807	823
612	640	774	808	824
614	643	801	817	825

**...75mm Gun Motor Carriage M3:**

601	701	805	813	894
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**...3" Gun Motor Carriage M10:**

601	640	703	806	821
628	644	771	813	823
629	645	773	814	826
632	654	776	815	893
634	701	803	818	894
636	702	804	819	899

**...76mm Gun Motor Carriage M18:**

602	637	671	807	822
603	638	704	809	824
609	643	705	811	827
612	656	801	817	
633	661	805	820	

**...90mm Gun Motor Carriage M36:**

601	630	691	773	809
607	645	702	776	813
610	654	703	803	814
628	656	771	808	818
			+774	899

The real tragedy of all this is that we still do not have one single piece of this equipment to show our grandchildren! If you ever see any of these pieces please advise at once so we can all go after it for our Museum!

**TD MUSEUM PROJECT STILL ON HOLD!**

One of our basic goals is to have a Museum of our own. We'd like to start now to collect your TD artifacts and souvenirs and put them on display. We could then show our families our very special contribution toward the winning of WWII.

All of this is yet to come! In the meantime, 2nd Armored at Hood is loaning us a display spot for TD items. It isn't large, but the spirit is great and the price is right!

Meanwhile the search for a place of our own continues. We ask that you have Patience, and that you hang onto your personal



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